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NCHS JV and Varsity Bluejackets go 1-1 each in Rowan and Bourbon County

SENIOR CAIDEN SMITH RECORDS HIS 500TH CAREER REBOUND

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The Nicholas County High School Bluejackets JV and Varsity basketball teams traveled to Morehead, Ky. on Thursday, Dec. 4, 2025, to take on the Rowan County Vikings.

The JV Jackets ended their regulation game against the JV Vikings with a 53-53 tie score, but ended up losing in overtime to the Vikings with a final score of 61-59. Leading the Jackets in scoring were Eli Swanner with 26 points and Korbryn True with 14 points.

The Varsity Bluejackets, under Head Coach Spencer Morris, started their game against the Vikings with a dunk from Peyton Hatton to Braxton Martin during their first possession, and kept the momentum going from there and didn't stop, defeating the Vikings, with a final score of 86-69.

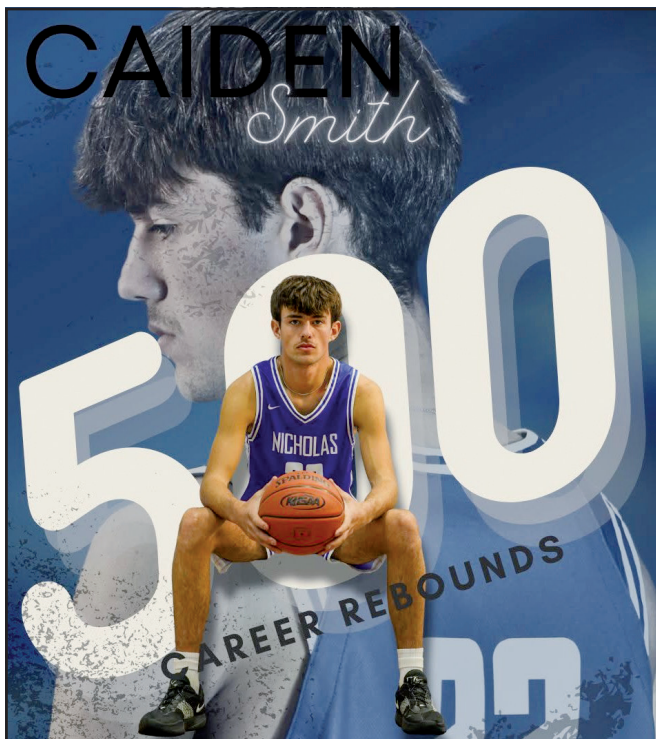
Congratulations to Bluejacket Senior Caiden Smith who recorded



Photos courtesy of Ali-sha and Vella Dunn

his 500th career rebound during the matchup with the Vikings. Leading the Jackets in scoring were Braxton Martin with 33 points and 5 rebounds; Peyton Hatton with 18 points; Caiden Smith with 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Preston Blake with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Jackets had an away game on Monday, Dec. 8th against Bourbon



County, where the JV Bluejackets lost to the Colonels on a last second three-pointer during the 3rd overtime of the game, while the Varsity Bluejackets defeated the Colonels, 79-59.

The Jackets were back at home the following day, Tuesday, Dec. 9th,

when they took on the Mason County Royals.

The boys then have a long string of away games throughout the rest of 2025, and will be back at home on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, when face off against the Sayre Spartans.

Go Jackets!!!



Does your little one have a letter to Santa they want to mail? If so, The Carlisle Mercury office has a Santa Letter Express Mailbox they can place their letter in.

And, they might just receive a letter back from Santa. The mailbox will be sitting on the porch at 605 Moorefield Road, Carlisle Ky until December 22nd. Merry Christmas from everyone here at The Carlisle Mercury!

Carlisle City Council finishes out the year with December meeting

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Members of the Carlisle City Council, along with Mayor Ronnie Clark and City Attorney Henry "Skip" Watson, met on Monday, Dec. 7, 2025, at 7:00pm, at City Hall,

for their final regularly scheduled meeting of the year. The meeting was broadcast live on the Carlisle Mercury Facebook page.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order with a moment of silence, roll call with two council members absent, and approval of the minutes from the November meeting, the payroll transfers, and the December bills.

Mayor Clark spoke about a proposed building project on the west end of town, which would include 12 to 14 houses, at an approximate cost of \$100,000.00 per unit, which could either be sold individually or rented. The mayor said the houses would be annexed into the city, and if the project does move forward, it could be an es-

timated four-month turnaround to get the project underway.

The mayor also spoke about natural gas taps, gave some updates regarding the beginning stages of construction of the new Carlisle FD building, spoke about plowing and salting roads with the winter season now upon us, said that the City employee Christmas dinner went great, and spoke about a recent minor water leak on East Union Road.

Before adjournment, Mayor Clark wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and spoke about how the city had accomplished many things during 2025, and was ready for 2026.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned.

2025 Snow Queen and Snowflake Princess



Snow Queen Laynie Gray
Congratulations to Laynie Gray, who was named the 2025 Snow Queen; and Bella Hinton, who was named the 2025 Snowflake



Snowflake Princess Bella Hinton
follow- isle, Ky.
ing the "Christmas Through the Decades" parade held on Saturday evening, Dec. 6, 2025, in downtown Carl-



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